



Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Columbus, Ohio

Description

The Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center is part of the Department of Veterans Affairs health system and provides primary and specialty care to veterans in Central Ohio. Clinical pharmacy is highly respected and an integral part of patient care activities. Additionally, the clinic operates four community based outpatient clinics. The Ambulatory Care Center is located 10 minutes from The Ohio State University and serves as a training site for The Ohio State University, Ohio Northern University, the University of Florida and Midwestern University-Glendale.

Overview of the Residency Program

The Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center offers an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency with an emphasis in **ambulatory care**. Residents receive training in various clinics and areas of disease state management including Anticoagulation, Diabetes, Heart Disease Risk Reduction, Pharmacy MTM, Renal, Pain Management, and Home Based Primary Care. Residents will also spend time in the counseling and dispensing area of the main outpatient pharmacy. All clinical rotations are scheduled in a longitudinal manner over a 6 month period of time to provide the resident with ample opportunity to follow patients over the course of time. Residents participate in many aspects of pharmacy practice including drug information, staff education, pharmacy research projects, quality improvement, pharmacy and therapeutics, medication use evaluations, management, and informatics. Residents will gain teaching experience by serving as co-preceptors for Pharm.D students from various schools.

Purpose Statement

Pharmacists completing a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center will be competent, effective, and confident practitioners who are experts in providing care to a diverse population in the ambulatory care practice setting. These pharmacists will demonstrate skill in providing education to pharmacy students, patients and other healthcare providers. Residency graduates will have the basic proficiencies necessary to develop new patient care and pharmacy services. Residents completing the program will be leaders in the profession of pharmacy proactively striving for optimum health outcomes for customers and patients.

Required Rotations

Anticoagulation Clinic

VA providers refer patients to the Anticoagulation Clinic where pharmacists perform anticoagulation initiation and monitoring using a point of care monitor. Pharmacists also coordinate perioperative anticoagulation management.



Pharmacy MTM

Pharmacists practicing in the Pharmacy MTM Clinic perform a variety of services including disease state management for Diabetes, Hyperlipidemia and Hypertension. Some patients are referred to the Pharmacy MTM Clinic for medication reconciliation, polypharmacy reviews and epoetin monitoring.

Home Based Primary Care

The Home Based Primary Care Team provides home health care to patients who are unable to travel to the Clinic. Home Based Primary Care pharmacists attend weekly interdisciplinary team meetings to participate in case discussions. Pharmacists also provide recommendations to improve medication use.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Shared Medical Appointment

Pharmacists lead an exciting group clinic once weekly that focuses on reducing lipids, lowering blood pressure and smoking cessation. The pharmacist serves as the provider of this clinic, but is joined by a registered dietitian.

Pain Clinic The Pain Clinic pharmacist evaluates and manages patients suffering from various pain conditions.



Patient Counseling and Dispensing

The Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center has an innovative approach to patient counseling and dispensing. The counseling area, which is separate from where prescriptions are prepared and dispensed, has private booths where patients are counseled on their medications. Medication orders are entered electronically by providers and verified by a pharmacist. The majority of mail order prescriptions are electronically transferred to a VA consolidated mail out pharmacy (CMOP) for filling.

Informatics

In the VA, many opportunities to learn and improve upon informatics skills exist. The VA uses computerized patient records and has a host of contemporary computer software including programs designed to perform statistical analyses and data mining for medication evaluations.

Practice Management

The residency program is designed to provide one on one experience with the Chief of Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator to learn about management-related activities vital to the smooth operation of a pharmacy department. Pharmacists at the VA Ambulatory Care Center participate in activities to improve the quality of pharmaceutical care including adverse drug event reporting, medication error prevention, and medication error reporting. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee is responsible for local management of the VA national formulary, medication performance measures, and medication use evaluations.

Elective Rotation

Residents will have the opportunity to select a minimum of one elective rotation.

Renal Clinic

Pharmacists participating in the Renal Clinic provide medication recommendations to the nephrologist to optimize medication therapy for patients with compromised renal function. In this clinic, patients may be seen in a one on one clinic or in a group clinic called a Shared Medical Appointment.

Oncology

Pharmacists in the IV satellite compound chemotherapy for outpatient infusion. There are opportunities for patient counseling and monitoring in this population.

Additional Information

Special Requirements for Acceptance: U.S. citizenship, current pharmacist licensure or eligibility for licensure, Pharm.D. or equivalent experience, letter of intent, completed application, curriculum vitae, college transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and interview.

Duration: 12 months beginning July 1 through June 30

Number of Positions: 2

Stipend: \$42,178

Fringe Benefits: Paid leave days: vacation and sick leave, 10 federal holidays, administrative leave for selected meetings; health and life insurance; funding to attend selected meetings, computers (PC/online); free parking.

National Matching Service Code: 123513

Application Deadline: January 25th

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